



Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

Butler, PA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Butler was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. The 60-acre target area in the West End of the city is the oldest, most heavily industrialized area of the city, and one of the lowest income neighborhoods. Forty percent of its residents live below the poverty level, and suffer from the area's continuing economic decline. Approximately 60 percent of the land is zoned industrial, and portions of these lots are vacant and/or underutilized. However, the neighborhood is home to a significant community asset, the Pullman Baseball Park. The park, built in 1934, once was home to farm teams for the New York Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals. Brownfields redevelopment will open adjacent parcels of land for a recreation

Assessment Grant

New
2005

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Butler for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct environmental assessments of sites in the West End core business district of the city, and develop site remediation and reuse plans. Funds also will be used to promote community partnerships, and engage the community in the assessment process.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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complex, with the baseball park as its centerpiece. Redevelopment also will increase the market value and viability of the city, generate jobs, and create clean neighborhoods that will provide residents with a sense of pride in the community and attract families to the area.